

PROJECT NAME:	Lost Toboggan Prescribed Fire
DATE:	November 18, 2019
DISTRICT:	Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, Lochsa-Powell and North Fork Ranger Districts

CONSIDERATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES	PRESENT? (YES/NO)	MAJOR EFFECT? (YES/NO)	INFORMATION OR MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
A1. Threatened , endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - WILDLIFE	Yes	Potentially	The project area overlaps with modeled lynx habitat within 3 Lynx Analysis Units (17, 24, 25). Several ignition units have the potential to affect mature multi-story habitat. Surveys to determine extent of possible mature multi-story in these units will need to be conducted.
A2. Threatened , endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - FISHERIES			
A3. Threatened , endangered, & sensitive species or their habitats - PLANTS			
B. Floodplains, wetlands, or municipal watersheds			
C. Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness or National Recreation Areas			
D. Roadless areas			
E. Research Natural Areas			
F. Native American religious or cultural sites, archeological sites, or historic properties or areas			

Projects in Roadless Areas

Project impacts on roadless characteristics as defined in 36 CFR 294(B)11 & (C)21

Roadless Characteristics	Present? (YES/NO)	INFORMATION OR MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
1. High quality or undisturbed soil, water and air.		
2. Sources of public drinking water		
3. Diversity of plant and animal communities		
4. Habitat for threatened, endangered, proposed, candidate and sensitive species and for those species dependant on large undisturbed areas or land		
5. Primitive, semi-private nonmotorized and semi-primitive motorized classes of dispersed recreation		
6. Reference landscapes		
7. Natural appearing landscapes with high scenic quality		
8. Traditional cultural properties and sacred sites		
9. Other locally identified unique characteristics		

Projects involving Road Construction, Reconstruction, Temporary Roads, and/or Haul Routes

ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS	YES/NO	MITIGATION MEASURE/COMMENTS/INFO
1. Will road construction or reconstruction be required? Type of road and length.		
2. Will temporary roads be needed?		
3. Will road maintenance be needed? Who will perform?		
4. Is the area in a travel plan closure area? Year round or seasonal? Hunting season restrictions?	N/A	No Road Construction Proposed
5. Are haul roads part of an established snowmobile network?		
6. Are there public safety concerns for roads, trails, or other road improvements?		
7. Are there other improvements which will require protection?		
8. Will the project impact winter range?	N/A	No Road Construction Proposed
9. Will the project impact critical elk summer range or cause elk summer habitat effectiveness to be below FP standards?	N/A	No Road Construction Proposed
10. Will the project impact elk security?	N/A	No Road Construction Proposed

Projects involving Vegetation/Fuels Treatment

RESOURCE CONSIDERATION	YES/NO	MITIGATION/EXPLANATION
1. Will post-treatment stands meet R1 down woody debris requirements?		
2. Will post-treatment stands meet snag and replacement snag guidelines?	Yes	While some existing snags may be removed as a result of fire other snags will be created.
3. Are activities proposed in PACFISH/INFISH RHCA or wetland?		
4. Is the area in a PACFISH/INFISH priority watershed? Is the stream fish bearing?		
5. Are there soil compaction concerns? i.e. Does the proposal involve ground based heavy equipment?		
6. Is the area in an active grazing allotment? What type of livestock? How many?		
7. Does the area meet FP standards for elk habitat effectiveness?	Yes	Elk analysis areas which overlap with the project area have a Forest Plan Standard of 100% EHE. While prescribed fires may increase openings, in those area, they also improve forage quality and availability. Many of the proposed ignition units fall within areas predicted to have the potential to provide high quality nutrition.
8. Is the area in a visually sensitive area? Will mitigation measures be needed to reduce adverse visual effects?		
9. What other entities or agencies need to be contacted for coordination.		
10. Are there land line survey needs?		
11. What noxious weed control measures will be employed?		
12. Are activities proposed in old growth or replacement old growth?	Yes	There will not be direct ignition within old growth however fire will be allowed to back into old growth areas as would happen under historic wildfire.